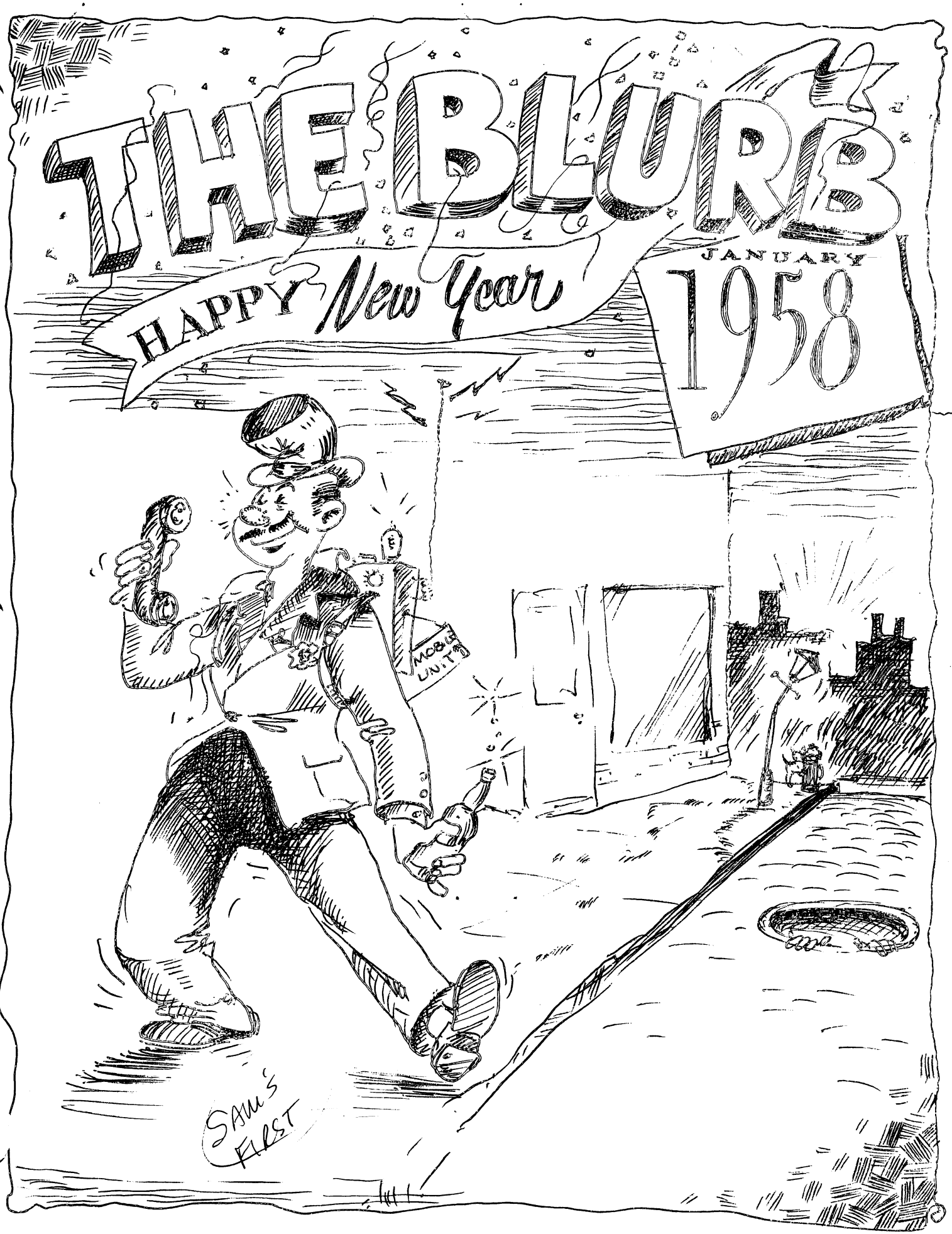
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Material for the Blurb for W3PXY, and items for the SWAP SHEET for W3WUX must be received by the 15th of the month. The Blurb is mailed the last Thursday of the month.

CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1958

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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month, at, Town Hall Germantown & Haines, Phila. 8:00 PM

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kc. Ch 3 - 27000 Kc.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kc. Ch 4 - 50.7 Mc.
Scrambled-Egg Net, Weekdays, 0730-0830
Ten on Ten Net, Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney Sessions, Anytime, Channel 1
29493 Kc. is monitored, daily, 0830-0001
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila. area

From the President

Well, the big election is over!! We had fun keeping the frequency hot with our campaigning during the crucial weeks in Nov and we climaxed the whole affair with a bang-up time on election night. For me, it was even complete with a most pleasant surprize ending, and I thank you all for your confidence in me. However, the fun of the election is over now, and since the clearing smoke left W3YJM your choice for 58, it is up to that same W3YJM to get PMRC started on the bigger and better year he promised.

With regard to the promises, even though I made them and am therefor obligated, without YOUR help, I wont HAVE a snowballs chance of carrying them out. It is along this line that I would like to aim my first shot at writing this column.

I'm sure that each and every one of you is both pleased with and proud of your affiliation with PMRC. Otherwise you would have dropped your membership long ago. Since you are still with us you must also feel that you are getting something out of belonging to the cl
You will all agree that when you go t
a bank to get something out, it is possible ONLY because you either put something in at some earlier date, or you promised to return the equivalent plus interest at a later date. This is the only way PMRC can operate successfully. The only difference is that with PMRC, you are on your honor to keep your account in order. In this connection I ask each of you to check your account. Have YOU given as much to PMRC as you have received from your affiliation?? If not, you had better make a payment with interest in 58 so Phil-Mont wont fail.

At our January meeting , new committees for the year will be announced. Don't fail to keep your account balanced by saying you won't be able to serve. Instead, give it your best and build up your account, and that way, Phil-Mont will be richer, and we'll have the Bigger and Better year I promised.

73,

C U at the meetin

W 3 Y J M

Not too long ago W3AHV called Hy and asked if he could provide a cover for the Blurb. Of course Hy didn't stumble over his words more than 1 second in accepting - but what should appear on the scene a few days later but the front cover you see before you, all printed 200 copies et al. Needless to say the Blurb staff is overwhelmed by the nice Christmas present. Bill Bubech W3YHV one of our very recent members marked Blurb committee assistance on his application and that is just what he meant. This brings our carfoonery Dept. to four - W3IM, W3THV, W3DIZ and Barry (Hy's youngest). Jay as you know has gained world fame with his humorous portraitures, (ED just coined a word) but it looks as if he will have contenders to the crown. From a purely practical sense, the additional help sure splits the burden each month. This is very much in keeping with the new regime's policy. And speaking of regimes, the election produced the following:

W3YJM	-	President
W3PXY	-	Vice President
W3SAI	-	Secretary
W3OEC	-	Treasurer

There were two noisy characters making all the racket on the frequency but one of the dark horses came thru. The post election dirt came out- W3PXY couldn't win because he is ED, W3WNC couldn't win because the whole Blurb would fall apart, W3AJO couldn't win because he is chasing too many girls, and W3VXN couldn't because next year we wouldn't have the coffee and the enscribed sweet rolls. soooooooo you see there was only one man left with an unblemished record. The election was completely rigged from the start. That you picked the right man was very much in evidence at the Dec. midmonth meeting. Our Prexy was right down to business in a very serious fashion with some very firm proposals for the betterment of the club. We will get into them at another date. A few clues are given in the winning speech contained elsewhere in this issue. W3JGB held the floor for some time discussing the general welfare of the country. A quick summation -

We are in some pretty serious times.
In mobile work PMRC is in a very powerful position to help.
Problem: What can we do about it.
You sleep on it - the answer will take some doing.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE NEXT MEETING JANUARY 1958 WILL BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DENTAL SCHOOL 40th Street and Spruce Street Philadelphia, Pa.

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W3NIP gave out winning certificates for those working members of the club.

F8PI	#19
ON4DB	#16
W3UVL	#20
WØLZJ	#21
IT2BX	#

As you know, engraved certificates are given to those operators working PMRC. Requirements 35 for local (stateside) and 25 contacts for DX. It is amazing the quantity of DX who have won. --- W3SAI reported that the new 1958 car tags are to be permanent and every year we will be issued an insert. So you had better put them in an enclosure to preserve them.

HELLO OLE TIMER

D. R. SHEEHAN, VE2DG
reprinted by W8RHZ

When you lose the thrill of a QSO
With a W-one or two,
When the fact that you're heard in
some far distant land
Just don't mean a thing to you-

When sending a card is a burdensome
task
And a listeners card is taboo,
It's time you pulled switches and
closed up your shack
For there's nothing in this game
for you.

When you snub a beginner, when a
"chirp" is a crime
And a "QRS" plea you abhor,
You better get out of ham radio,
friend,
For there's no fun for you
anymore.

I just love to be told, "You're my first,
VE2,"
If he only lives over the line;
The pleasure of working a chirpy DC
Is a thrill, boy, to me anytime.

I like to "pipe down", send slow to a
kid;
Sure - and tell him his keying is
fine,
And when he comes out with that "Pse QSL"
Believe me, the pleasure's all mine.

If you would enjoy this old radio game
Just pause and hark back o'er the
years
When if you hooked a "seven", you thought
you'd done fine
And to lose him just almost brought
tears.

You've got to think back to your lid days again
and remember that this is quite true,
You must do unto others in this Amateur World
As you'd have them do unto you.

W3PBR sent that bit in - keep them coming Mason---

Racketeers in our midst and after all that noise about folding Blurbs - it just shows you can never tell. Some enterprising guy who was present at the Blurb folding made a sketch of Sam's lil bug on the outside of his blurb. No stamps were put on the Blurb but the postman cancelled the drawing of the car and the Blurb was delivered!---W3CNO turned over the prize of a set of call letter decals to the club. He won them at the SJRA Hamfest, the boys plan to use them on W3QRZ. --- ED is real hurt-another member is not scrutinizing each word of the Blurb and acuses this rag of not putting the scoop in - 3 possible alternatives here - 1. Pass a rule that all members must memorize the Blurb word for word. 2. If we had more reporters the scoop would more likely appear. 3. ED is going to quit because all along he thought no. 1 was automatic. ---There were some complaints by the women present at the election as to why there were not more who promised they would be there.

The gang wonders how sick W3VXN was after all those left over cookies. ---"Glasline" does not act well as a back guy for a 60' mast. See W3EM for a view of a folded 60' mast! --- W3DJV has his lo pass filter working -- after a year! --- W3PST reports that the Phila Civil Defense Council budget has been cut badly, that the Centers will be closed effective the first of the year except for certain operations. The radio clubs may continue to use the facilities however --- Maybe we had better think about another place to meet in case the rug gets pulled all the way. And this happening with all the heat now being generated in CD. Charlie Wilson must have had a hand in it.

THIRD PARTY TRAFFIC

Permitted:	Not permitted:
Canada	Cambodia (FI8, XU)
Chile	Indonesia (PK, YB to YH)
Costa Rica	Iran (EP to EQ)
Cuba	Viet Nam (FI8, XV, 3W)
Ecuador	
Liberia	
Nicaragua	
Peru	
US (exception KA2 to KA9)	

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Situation in Springfield - The Radiation people Division VII (Radiological Monitoring Group of Civil Defense are quite disturbed by the lack of interest in their problem at state level. As you know these people are charged with monitoring fallout conditions should we ever have the need. It has occurred to them that when Disaster hits (and there is evidence that this can be reality) they will have no communications or power - utilities will not be available to them including telephone. They point out that should there be an atom blast anywhere in a radius of about 100 miles of Phila. the population (assuming no shock damage) of this area will have 20 minutes to get under cover and be prepared to stay there for a minimum of 48 hours without moving out. The Division 7 people are the only ones who will be operating as a Civil Defense Unit - all others will be nailed down by the fallout. Fallout is affected by weather conditions-local winds and local rains can literally make it hot on one side of the street and less son on the other. Now should there be shock damage - there will be no facilities including communications (as the situation presently stands) for the Radiation people. This group is the only one likely to be functioning as a CD unit. They have appealed upwards organizationally through two channels (Radiation and Communications) and have not received adequate answers in their opinion. They have been advised recently not to purchase any communications gear because the frequencies will be changed at some future date. Disturbingly enough this is the same story they received 5 years ago. Someone in the local group with foresight 5 years ago, fortunately ordered up communications equipment that could be used in the 2 meter band. Around this equipment was built a communications group and a radiation group. About 28 high school students have been trained and have amateur licenses in this period and a goodly number of radiation people indoctrinated. What disturbs them most is that the communications story has not changed in 5 years and more important-there is no evidence that there is going to be any change in the next five years. The present hysteria in Washington and other places does little to quiet their fears. They are taking care of their own homes and families first with a good organization. Should the bureaucracy above them get their house in order by the time disaster strikes in the next five years they will happily fall into line. All they are looking for is guidance and all they are getting are excuses. When you mention to them that the FCC will not permit them to operate on frequencise that their equipment is set for. They say"And suppose there is no FCC" "Suppose there is no central government or a badly beaten up one" And if there is-what means of communications are they going to use to tell us what to do-with everyone under ground for periods of 48 hours to one week." They have approached communications authorities above them for assistance and are advised by those experienced in the art to take their problem uphill through a chain of command that does not even know what button to push or knob to twist on a receiver. Well-what can be done about Radiological situation, some possible suggestions are these:

1. Recognize that communications is a vital factor to their usefulness.
2. Recognise that communications is only a tool useful for the purposes of implementing the needs of an organization. It is a service and not the organization.

3. At the risk of obsolescence set up a communications organization that can be counted on to take care of todays needs. "The army never fought a battle with weapons they were to get next week or next month."
4. Get rid of our complacent approach and realize that "it can happen here".
Should any of our readers have any light to shed on the Division VII problem we would like to air them here.

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We are informed by W3UQV that effective Jan 2, 1958 the office will conduct examinations according to the following schedules-

All classes - Amateur and Commercial
Monday Tuesday Wednesday

Examinations requiring code tests
8:30 am to 10: am

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W3SGR says if W3IW would "include" pie and ice cream on his diet (over the Phil-Mont net only) he could make a lot of old Hams happy. Seems like Carl likes goodies. —— W3HQJ sez the monitored freq. of Seattle area is 29,630. Monitoring stations do not all have transmitters. Allow 5 minutes for alerting transmitting stations. —— ED has a late one from Mary Mrs. W3SOB - saying just a quickie to say thanks a lot for the wonderful time we both had at the PMRC banquet and party. A lot of time and planning goes into such an affair. Hope we can all get together in the same fashion next year. —— Those words shore do the committees hearts noble. ####(ED).——On Nov. 24th 21:04 EST W3IW heard signals from W3LNQ's 2 transistor rig on channel 1. The signal was CW using 3v on the transistors. About a 4 mile hop, with .0021 watts. According to the Midmonth line of thinking this could be a major "breakthrough" for the club.——December Blurb folding was interrupted by frequent electioneering by one party. W3D$G and W3WNC were promised several choice committeee assignments by one candidate. —— W3LKI one of the new members is also active in the Lower Merion C.D. group along with W3AWH, W3QCV and W3UMK. —— W3HYU has gone boat happy - How about the details on the scow AL? Next summer he is going M/M.

ERATTATTS:

A blind man can always tell the true from the false
- the false taste like rubber

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The next time you meet a person you think is crazy-
Be Careful!
He thinks you are crazy.
You had better study the situation and find out who is.
It makes a lot of difference.

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At a party a husband feeling his drinks, turned to his wife and said: "The drunker I sit the longer I get", "Well, its a good thing", replied his wife, "that you'll have all day sober to Sunday up on". from SPARKS via CQ NEWS.

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The perfect example of a hypocrite: An undertaker trying to look sad at a thousand dollar funeral. from SPARKS via CQ NEWS.

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CQ magazine has a little different slant on the club subscription technique for acquiring said magazine. With the forms now available from the secretary you can

get a subscription at club benefit with no more trouble than filling in the blank and sending it off. You can do it for one subscription or a pile. This merits looking into fellows. When yours runs out - get a form from the Sec. --- This boy Wayne (CQ) is right on the ball with a new Dept. headed up by VE3DQX Toronto Canada. The publication they are putting out is to Ham Club Editors exclusively and acts as a cross polinator for all club rags such as ours. The type of info (they have many depts, including technica, Tex,) is of the nature of the following. This bit has been reprinted many times such as in "Sidebands" "Keys", and many other club papers - the origin is not known. This ED has often wondered where the word Ham came from - this tells all -

THE ORIGIN OF THE WORD "HAM"

You might have heard radio amateurs referred to as "hams" and have possibly thought of them in terms of inexperienced individuals or overacting performers, as the term is applied in some fields. Such is not the case. There is a very interesting story behind the origin of the name "ham".

The word "ham" as applied to amateur radio dates back to 1908 and was the call letters of one of the first amateur wireless stations operated by some members of the Harvard Wireless Club. They were Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy and Reggy Murray. At first they called their station Hyman-Almy-Murray. Tapping out such a long name in code soon called for revision, and they changed the name to Hy-Al-Mu, using the first two letters of each name.

Early in 1909 some confusion resulted between signals from amateur wireless HYALMU and a Mexican ship named HYALMO, so the boys decided to use only the first letter of each name and the call became HAM.

In the early pioneer unregulated days of radio, amateurs picked their own frequency and call letters. Then as now some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington and they gave much time to proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur activity.

In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill as the topic of his thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David I Walsh, a member of one of the committees hearing the bill. The Senator was so impressed that he sent for Hyman to appear before the committee. He was put on the stand and described how the little amateur station wss built and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill went through they would close their station because they could not afford the license fees and all the other requirements which were set up in the bill. Then the debate started and the little station HAM became the symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country crying out to be saved from the menace and greed of the big commercial stations who didn't want them around. Finally the bill got to the floor of Congress and every speaker talked about poor little station HAM. That's how it started. You can find the whole story in the Congresssional Record. Nationwide publicity associated station HAM with amateurs. From that day to this and probably till the end of time in radio, an amateur is a HAM.

Albert Hyman since has become a well-known heart specialist associated with the Naval Medical Reserve. The bill that was finally passed, along with changes that have been made down thru the years is found in the Federal Register and is the law of the land.

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We were honored last meeting to have Elaine "Mrs. W3QQH" and W3BIW Eleanor Hammonds (first W3 yl to get DXCC. Also visitors to the last meeting were W3DUX, W3FJW, W3FTZ.

W3WUX took time to clip a piece out of the Upper Darby News and send it in to ED. It is a full column spread on our own W3IRS and writes him up as active in CAP, Boy Scouts and several Amateur Organizations. ED wants you members to note we are traveling in very select company.

The Phil-Mont banquet sure made headlines in the Washington Autocall this last month with a fine spread of pictures like those shown on the attached sheet. To K4IAV goes the credit for taking the banquet pictures, and to our smooth-headed friend Andy, goes the credit for sending these fine pictures-printed and ready for the BLURB. THANKS AGAIN to our Washington friends.

THE WINNING SPEECH
by W3YJM

My Fellow Philmonters,

Before me, U have had my worthy opponents deliver their fine campaign speeches. There are, of course, disadvantages to being last on the program but there are also advantages. You know the first liar hasn't got a chance.

Now in choosing ur next president, I know you want a man with experience in the affairs of the club and an honorable record, so let me take a few minutes to briefly review the record of W3YJM.

Certainly u want a man experienced in refreshing u. In this regard I offer 3 years as chairman of the refreshment committee. Yes, all that fine coffee and those delicious buns u enjoy each month, have been prepared for u these last 3 years by W3YJM.

One of my worthy opponents has offered to u, his contributions to the Blurb. Have you ever noticed how neatly ur Blurb is folded, how well it is stapled, how straight the address label is. I offer u 3 years experience as a loyal member of the Blurb Publications Committee.

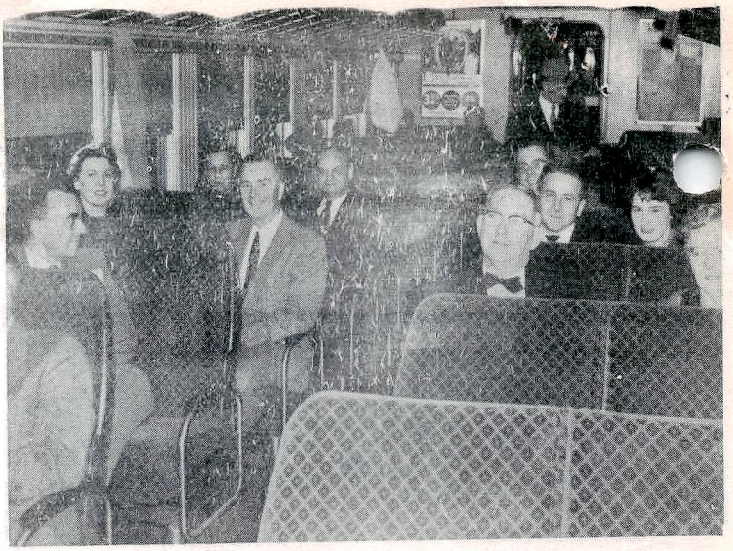
In addition, I am currently serving as a member of the Membership Committee protecting ur interests, making sure that the future Philmonters are all fine gentlemen like yourselves.

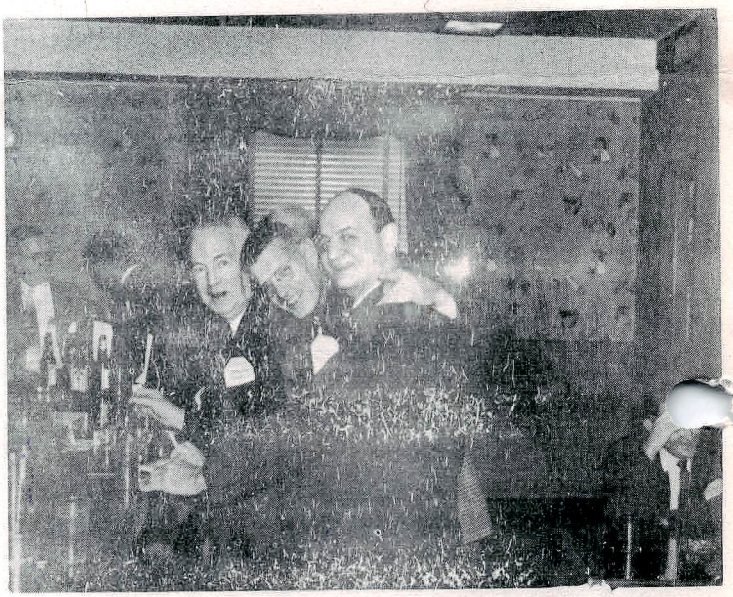
As far as activities and participation are concerned, I'm sure you have all seen W3YJM:

1-Among the first to arrive at field day with those cool beverages that taste so gud.
2-At the 19th hole reporting scores for St. Davids Golf Tournament.
3-At Upper Black Eddy and Stroudsburg during the big hurricane.
4-At the Philmont Picnics wherever they are.
5-At the Philmont Banquet.
6-At the Springfield Mischief Nite Roundup.
7-At the Philmont Clambake.
8-At the Tinicum Fire Drill
and wherever else Philmonters gather.

So much for experience and activity participation. Now for what we're going to do in 1958. This is where the first liar hasn't got a chance. I will promise u all that the other candidates promise us:

1-a multilith machine so we can have pictures in the Blurb.
2-a pension plan for holders of 2 letter calls.
3-a homing device for W3LNQ/mobile.
4-a broad receiver for W3UVL so we can do away with these squabbles over who is on frequency and who is off by how many notes on UVL's harmonica. Why knock our heads against the wall trying to find xtals for $1.00 that are accurate to within a few cycles of 29.493. Let's be practical, I intend promoting more broad band monitoring set-ups. Who here can't afford to put a simple xtal controlled converter ahead of a BC454 6-9 mc surplus rcvr and let it sit on Philmont frequency all day long. '58 is the year to spread Philmont to the four corners of the earth. Lets all build Philmont broad band monitors and offer a bigger and better Philmont Service than ever before. What better way is there to make Philmont known and heard all over the world. And that my friends is what I would



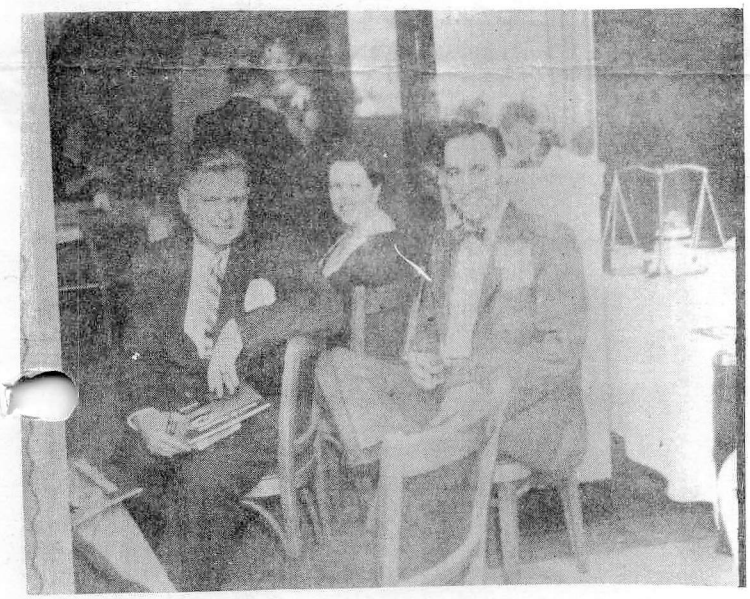


Pictures- Thanks to K4IAV and W3VR (WMRC)

W3NL, ANDERSON BASEMENT LABORATORIES.

Top: W3PXY, W3CCB, W3NL
Mid: W3QZO, W3UVL, W3PWG, W3NL, Mrs Mac, Marcia-K3CEP (At the station)
Bot: Bobby-NL, Betty-PXY, Hester-UVL, Ruth-K4HPD.

Top: Washington group going to Phil.y
Mid: Radio Ralph, W3OWK, Andy at the lemonade stand,
Bot: K4HPD, Mac, Bobby, Mrs Mac, Andy K4LMB-Ethel, W3CN - waiting for the train home, (30th St. Station



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Top: Mae, K4HPD, Ruth
Mid: K4LMB-Roy, Flo, Ed
Bot: W3IN, W3CN, Ethel, Bobby
Marcia

Top: W3VR, W3???, K3AXX
Mid: K3CEP, K4LMB, Mrs Mac, Mac W3IN
Bot: Marcia K3CEP at W3VVSs "still"
alias 160 meter crock gusher.

to lead the Philmonters in doing, building a reputation that is known wherever there are ehter waves.

In closing, I would like to say it's been fun campaigning, I've got reams of mud here for slinging tonite in case my opponents opened fire. I am glad they didn't because there isn't a word of truth in any of the mud I've prepared. Believe me, it doesn't matter which one of these guys you elect, you can't miss. Pick ur favorite and when it's all over, I'll back him 100%.

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